



Weekly Information & Communication



Weekly WIC Newsletter

April 24, 2017

Formula Database

The WICWorks website has removed the formula database and there are no plans of having it available again. If you have questions regarding formulas please contact your local RD first and a State Office Nutritionist second.

New Local Program Staff Training

The State Office will be offering training for new(er) local program staff on June 14th – 16rd, 2016. Please see the [agenda](#), [registration form](#) and list of possible [hotels](#). Attendees will be expected to complete required activities before attending. These will be sent in a later newsletter. Local programs are responsible for the travel, lodging and per diem costs. No meals will be provided. You may use your training money, allocated in your annual grant, to support this training.

Questions? Email Lalittle@mt.gov or call 444-5923, or fax 406-444-0239 to Lacys' attention.

M-SPIRIT Upgrade

An M-SPIRIT upgrade will be pushed out the evening of April 26. After that time, whenever you log in your computers will download the updates. Please plan ahead, as some clinics experience long download times for M-SPIRIT upgrades. Training is not required because the release contains only EBT changes.

WIC Help Desk 1-800-433-4298, opt 1.

April Outreach Idea

Reach out to drug-alcohol intervention programs/providers in your community. Provide information about WIC and locations of services.

Weekly Risk Code Highlight

[Risk Code 135](#), Slowed/Faltering Growth Pattern is defined as follows:

Age	Cut-Off Value
Infants Birth to 2 Weeks	Excessive weight loss after birth, defined as $\geq 7\%$ birth weight.
Infants 2 weeks to 6 Months of Age	Any weight loss. Use two separate weight measurements taken at least eight weeks apart.

Nutrition Training Webinar

The next nutrition training webinar is fast approaching. It will be held on May 4th at 9AM. The topic is the Health Information Screen in M-Spirit. The webinar information is located on the [WIC calendar](#). If you have any questions please contact [Lacy](#).

GrandCares (Powerful Tools for Caregivers)

[GrandCares](#) is the adaptation of *Powerful Tools for Caregivers (PTC) of Children with Special Health and Behavioral Needs* especially for grandparents raising grandchildren. Montana, along with Hawaii and Colorado, are piloting this special adaptation.

Thanks to grants from The Brookdale Foundation and MSU College of EHHD, staff can become trained and nationally certified for very little cost.

In exchange for offering the *GrandCares* workshop series to at least 10 GRGs before June 30, 2018 you will receive:

- Free registration for the two-day PTC class-leader training, including all materials and lunches (usually \$200)
- Free certification with the national PTC organization (usually \$100)
- \$150 towards your lodging and travel expenses for the class leader training
- \$500 mini-grant, when you schedule your workshop series, to pay for marketing, materials, catering, participant incentives, gas cards, etc.

There is a scheduled a PTC class leader training for May 11-12 in Helena. The registration form is [attached](#).

Continuing Education

More than Reflexes is conducting online webinars that cover a variety of breastfeeding topics. If you would like more information please visit the [website](#).

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